

REMARKS

This Supplemental Amendment is intended by Applicant to supplement the amendments made within the Applicant's Amendment transmitted to the Patent Office on August 25, 2004.

This Supplemental Amendment adds new independent claims 35 and 38, increasing the number of independent claims from 3 to 5. The accompanying Transmittal Letter authorizes the Patent Office to charge the filing fee for two additional independent claims to the Deposit Account of the undersigned attorney.

This Supplemental Amendment also adds new dependent claims 33, 34, 36, 37, 39 and 40, bringing the total number of claims now pending up to 30. However, Applicant has already paid filing fees for 30 total claims, so no additional filing fees are due, apart from the aforementioned fee for adding two additional independent claims.

Following the entry of this Supplemental Amendment, the patent claims now pending are claims 1, 3-5, 12-14, and 18-40; claims 33-40 have been added by this Supplemental Amendment.

This Supplemental Amendment makes changes over the Amendment transmitted to the Patent Office on August 25, 2004, as summarized below:

Claim 1 has been further amended to substitute "activate at least part of its functionality" in place of "become fully functional"; to substitute "to a remote service system" instead of "with a remote service system"; to substitute "identifying data" in place of "personal data", and to replace "user system" with "user's computer".

Claim 4 has been further amended to substitute "identifying data" in place of "personal data".

Claim 12 is not actually being substantively amended; however, in the August 25th Amendment, Applicant's attorney inadvertently neglected to underline the phrase "data storage element of the remote service system" to indicate that such words were being newly inserted, following the inserted words "is maintained in the". Furthermore, the form of claim 12 presented in the Amendment of August 25, 2004 inadvertently repeated the word "is". Accordingly, claim 12 has been set forth above in the form in which it should have appeared in the August 25th Amendment.

1 Claim 13 has been further amended to insert "at least part of the functionality of" preceding
2 "said software application".

3 Claim 22 has been further amended to insert the word "data" preceding "storage element",
4 and to insert "at least part of the functionality of" following the word "activates".

5 Claim 23 has been further amended to substitute "activate at least part of the functionality
6 of" in place of "render ... completely functional"; to substitute "identifying data" in place of
7 "personal data"; to substitute "transmitted" for "received"; and to substitute "it is determined" in
8 place of "said remote service computer system determines".

9 Claim 25 has been further amended to delete a repetition of the word "is"; and to change the
10 phrase "user data" to "service data".

11 Claim 26 has been extensively further amended to explain that the "service data" includes an
12 "activation code sequence to activate at least part of the functionality of said software application".

13 Claim 29 has been further amended to delete an extra occurrence of the word "said", and to
14 delete the phrase "for storablely receiving said service data".

15 Claim 30 has been further amended to insert the phrase "at least part of the functionality of"
16 following the word "activates".

17 Claim 31 has been further amended to substitute "activate at least part of its functionality" in
18 place of "become fully functional"; to substitute "identifying data" in place of "personal data"; to
19 substitute "to a remote service system" instead of "with a remote service system"; and to substitute
20 "activate at least part of the functionality of the software application" in place of "render the
21 software application fully functional".

22 Claim 32 has been amended to delete the phrase ", and wherein said examining step includes
23 the step of comparing received user data for each unique identification code with previously
24 archived user data corresponding to the same unique identification code to determine whether said
25 user is pirating said software application". This deleted comparison step is now the subject of new
26 dependent claim 33.

27 New claims 34-40 have been added to better claim other aspects of the invention.
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1 Applicant realized the need to file this Supplemental Amendment after making a careful
2 review of the original Amendment transmitted on August 25, 2004. This Supplemental
3 Amendment is believed to present the claims in better form for further examination, and not for
4 purposes of delay. Applicant regrets that this Supplemental Amendment was not earlier filed, and
5 apologizes to the Examiner for any inconvenience.

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